Reviewer’s report

Title: Plasmodium falciparum parasitaemia and malaria in pregnant women at first clinic visit in the mount Cameroon Area

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General Comment: I note that the authors have made the majority of changes suggested in my earlier review.

Minor Essential Revisions: My earlier comment (Major Compulsory Revision, Comment #1) regarding alternative explanations for the lack of statistically significant differences in haemoglobin, WBC or geometric parasite density between febrile and afebrile women has only been partly addressed in the revised discussion section of the paper (e.g. lines 283-296 attribute this finding to mild clinical malaria disease). I feel it would strengthen the paper to at least recognise that there may be a number of alternative explanations, including undiagnosed dengue or urinary tract infections and feel that this specific point has not been addressed in the revised manuscript.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests